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SUBJECT: 31ST UNGA: REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION  
OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION: STATEMENTS ON BYRD AMENDMENT:  
TRUST TERRITORY, AMERICAN SAMOA, GUAM, US VIRGIN ISLANDS

1. THE COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION  
WILL SUBMIT ITS SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
THIS FALL. LST YEAR THE UNGA DID NOT HAVE TIME TO CONSIDER  
THE COMMITTEE'S SIXTH REPORT. THEREFORE BOTH THE SIXTH AND  
SEVENTH REPORTS ARE TO BE ON THE AGENDA THIS FALL.

2. THE DRAFT SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT, DATED 16 AND 17 AUGUST  
1976, (CONFERENCE ROOM PAPER 84/ADD. 8 AND 9) CONTAINS THE  
FOLLOWING STATEMENTS OF INTEREST TO THE US:

(A) UNDER SECTION ON "AFRICAN TERRITORIES-SOUTHERN  
RHODESIA," DRAFT REPORT "STRONGLY CONDEMNS THE CONTINUATION  
OF VARIOUS KINDS OF EXPLOITATION OF LABOUR BY THE ILLEGAL  
REGIME OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA AND BY FOREIGN ECONOMIC INTERESTS  
OPERATING IN THE TERRITORY, AS WELL AS ALL VIOLATITNS OF  
ECONOMIC SANCTIONS..." IT ADDS, "THE COMMITTEE REGRETS  
THE REFUSAL OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO REPEAL THE  
BYRD AMENDMENT...." (THE CORRESPONDING ITEM IN THE  
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SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT DOES NOT MENTION THE BYRD AMENDMENT.)

(B) UNDER SECTION ON "PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORIES," DRAFT REPORT CONSIDERS THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, GUAM, AND AMERICAN SAMOA.

ON THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC, THE DRAFT REPORT "TAKES NOTE OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING THE EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE PEOPLE OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS," AND "EXPRESSES HOPE FOR BROADER PREPARATION OF THE MICRONESIANS FOR EXERCISING THEIR POLITICAL RIGHTS, AND PARTICIPATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TERRITORY'S ECONOMY, AND FOR GRANTING THE RIGHT OF THE INDIGENOUS POPULATION OVER THEIR OWN NATURAL RESOURCES." THE COMMITTEE NOTES "THE EXTENSIVE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY." BUT IT "WOULD AGAIN DRAW ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THE CHAPTER OF THE REPORT CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS... WAS NOT PREPARED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK OR IN RESPONSE TO THE COMMITTEE'S PREVIOUS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION." (THE SAME COMPLAINT WAS MADE IN THE COMMITTEE'S SIXTH REPORT.)

ON GUAM, IT EXPRESSES "GREAT CONCERN ABOUT THE RAPID CHANGES BROUGHT ABOUT IN THE DEMOGRAPHIC COMPOSITION OF THE POPULATION OF GUAM BY THE INFLUX OF LARGE NUMBERS OF OUTSIDE ELEMENTS." IT REQUESTS FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF THESE CHANGES ON THE APPLICATION OF THE CONVENTION. (THE SIXTH REPORT DID NOT MENTION GUAM.)

ON AMERICAN SAMOA, IT "EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT WHEN THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY ARE SOON ENABLED TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION, DUE REGARD WILL BE PAID TO THE RIGHTS OF THE INDIGENOUS POPULATION WITHOUT ANY RACIAL DISCRIMINATION." (THE SIXTH REPORT STATED THAT THE COMMITTEE DID NOT FIND ANY INFORMATION IN THE WORKING PAPER RELATING TO AMERICAN SAMOA THAT WAS "DIRECTLY CONNECTED WITH THE ATTAINMENT OF THE PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE CONVENTION.")

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(C) UNDER SECTION ON "ATLANTIC OCEAN AND CARIBBEAN TERRITORIES-UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS," THE DRAFT REPORT REITERATES THAT COMMITTEE'S REQUEST FOR "SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE RACIAL SITUATION AND THE DEMAND FOR INDEPENDENCE." (IN THE SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT, THE COMMITTEE "NOTES WITH CONCERN THE FINDINGS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE THAT THERE WERE POOR RACE RELATIONS IN THE TERRITORY," AND CITES A STATEMENT BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

OF THE US VIRGIN ISLANDS. IT REFERS TO A RULING BY THE  
DISTRICT COUNRT OF THE US VIRGIN ISLANDS ALLOWING NON-  
CITIZEN CHILDREN TO ENROLL IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS; RISING  
UNEMPLOYMENT; AND THE PRESENCE OF A CONSIDERABLE ALIEN  
POPULATION.)  
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